MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, whether the President of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, by any order or law bound to supply the proceedings of the meeting to the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, under the Municipal Regulation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Government have received any proceedings of the discussion of 'no-confidence' motion from the President at the present moment.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say that now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is not the member in a position to say with reference to the files in the Secretariat?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may have been received subsequently. I am not able to answer that now.

Brick-masonry work in the new School Building, Nagercoil.

145. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the brick-masonry work in the new English school-house at Nagercoil has been completed;

(*b*) when the agreement for such work terminates;

(*c*) whether there was any call for tender to complete the masonry work before the expiration of the agreement period for such work; if so, what is the reason for it and who is the Division Officer concerned;

(*d*) whether any notice was served on the contractor to that effect;

(*e*) whether the work done by the contractor was measured before calling for such fresh tender;

(*f*) whether the above work was, after the acceptance of the tender, allowed to be taken up by the subsequent tenderer; if not, why not; and

(*g*) who is the contractor that now carries on the brick-masonry and how much of the whole masonry work has been done by him?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) By the end of Karkatakam 1102.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes. As Mr. A. M. Saravanaperumal Pillai, contractor engaged for the work, failed to show proportionate progress in spite of notices issued to him, Mr. S. S. Krishna Aiyangar, the Division Officer, called for fresh tenders with a view to carry out the work through other agency, should the contractor continue to be indifferent.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The work was not started by other agency, as the original contractor promised to complete the contract before Medam 1102.

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(*g*) Mr. A. M. Saravanaperumal Pillai is still the contractor for the work, his accounts not having been yet closed. But he has been served with a final notice cancelling his contract as he is not doing any work now.

About 90 per cent. of the masonry work has been done by the contractor.

Subdivision of Ranni Pakuthi.

146. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Does not the yearly revenue of the Ranni *pakuthi* as per *ayacut* accounts amount to Rs. 32,000 and as per other heads to Rs. 30,000?

(2) Are the Government aware that the amount recoverable under *ayacut* accounts was only about Rs. 4,000 at the time of the Settlement?

(3) Has not the number of *tandaper*-holders increased from 2,400 at the time of the Settlement to about 8,000 at the present day?

(4) Do the Government know that the total area of this *pakuthi* comes to 87·66 square miles?

(5) Will the Government consider the question of splitting the said *pakuthi* into two, so as to facilitate the collection of tax and other proceedings?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) No. The figures under the two heads are, respectively, Rs. 29,765 and Rs. 28,567.

(2) The amount recoverable under *ayacut* at the time of the last Settlement was Rs. 13,460.

(3) The number of *tandaper*-holders has increased from Rs. 2,953 to Rs. 7,980.

(4) Yes.

(5) It will not be feasible to split up the *pakuthi* before the next Revenue Settlement.

New Roads in Shertallai.

147. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department has received any communication for a few miles of new roads urgently required for Shertallai; and

(*b*) whether any action was taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer has received a communication dated the 17th Medam 1102 from Mr. K. Sivarama Panikkar, M. L. C., and from some other persons.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer, during his tour in Shertallai, in July 1927, discussed the matter with Mr. Sivarama Panikkar and, according to the conclusions arrived at then, has already undertaken the necessary investigation.

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